



DFIRS NEWS

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Message from the Program Manager

I will be out of the office from July 18th until August 22nd due to military obligations. If you require assistance please contact the Dover Headquarters at (302) 739-5665. The Dover Headquarters will be handling all calls and e-mails in order to provide the same level of service departments currently receive.

FEMA will also be assisting the SFMO with any questions or problems; therefore, if SFMO resources are not available please contact them directly at (888) 382-3827. If you experience problems with receiving support please contact Grover Ingle, Assistant State Fire Marshal, at 302-739-5665.

Providing quality service to all 61 Delaware fire departments is of great importance to our agency. Following the above guidelines will ensure you receive such service.

Important Coding Information

Question:

How should a rekindle be reported?

Answer:

The definition of "rekindle" is "The redevelopment of a fire after it was thought to have been extinguished by the original fire service response." For NFIRS purposes, a rekindle should be treated as a separate incident.

Please pass this information on to all department members recording incident information.

Other Coding Questions

Question:

What is the difference between all of the False Alarm coding series?

Answer:

When documenting false alarm incidents please keep in mind the following helpful tips:

Codes 711 to 715 are for malicious, mischievous false alarms. For example, if someone maliciously pulls a fire alarm box.

Codes 731 to 736 are for system or detector malfunctions and improper performance of fire alarm systems not a result of a proper system response to environmental stimuli such as smoke or high heat conditions. Commonly used codes within this category are:

731 – Sprinkler activated due to the failure or malfunction of the sprinkler system. Includes any failure of sprinkler equipment that leads to sprinkler activation with no fire present.

733 - Smoke detector activated due to a malfunction.

Codes 741 to 746 are for unintentional system/detector operation with no fire present. This includes tripping an interior device accidentally. Some commonly used codes within this category are:

741 – Sprinkler activation, no fire – unintentional Includes testing the sprinkler system without fire department notification.

744 – Detector activation, no fire – unintentional, a result of a proper system response to environmental stimuli such as smoke or high heat conditions (ie: cooking). Included is testing the sprinkler system without fire department notification.

Question:

What is the difference between incident type 322 and incident type 324?

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award Announcements for 2005

Department	Amount	Program	Award Date
Harrington Fire Company	\$122,942	Operations and Firefighter Safety	02/04/2005
Hartly Volunteer Fire Company	\$225,000	Firefighting Vehicle	02/11/2005
Wilmington Manor Volunteer Fire Company	\$152,550	Operations and Firefighter Safety	02/18/2005
Lewes Fire Department	\$54,000	Operations and Firefighter Safety	02/25/2005
Brandywine Hundred Fire Company	\$316,026	Operations and Firefighter Safety	02/25/2005
Little Creek Volunteer Fire Company	\$130,500	Operations and Firefighter Safety	03/04/2005
Wilmington Fire Department	\$245,979	Operations and Firefighter Safety	03/04/2005
Belvedere Fire Company	\$21,060	Fire Prevention	03/04/2005
Townsend Fire Company	\$68,073	Operations and Firefighter Safety	03/11/2005

For information on the AFG Program, please see www.firegrantsupport.com

Answer:

Incident type 322 is for motor vehicle accidents with injuries including collisions with other vehicles, fixed objects, or loss of control resulting in leaving the roadway and incident type 324 is for motor vehicle accident with **no** injuries.

Notice to Grant Recipients (Grantees')

Department of Homeland Security's Program Guidance for the 2005 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, Section Grantees' Responsibilities, Subsection (8) requires all Grantees' to "...provide information, through established reporting channels, to the U.S. Fire Administration's national fire incident reporting system (NFIRS)...." In addition, "AFG program grantees from previous years will not be allowed to closeout their grants until they demonstrate that they are complying with this requirement. Failure to closeout your previous years' grants may affect the consideration of future awards."

Please make sure your department is: completing incident reports for all department runs, submitting reports to SFMO by 10th of each month, and verifying that the incident reports are of the highest quality possible.

Newsletter Distribution Policy

In order to use our agency resources in the wisest manner possible, the DFIRS Newsletter will be published on a quarterly basis using electronic means of dissemination. If for some reason you have not received the DFIRS Newsletter one month after the close of the quarter, please contact our agency.

For more information regarding the Delaware Fire Incident Reporting System (DFIRS), please contact Crystal Beach at 302-739-5665 or crystal.beach@state.de.us

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